

"Bill" B. Turner. During their remarkable sixty-five years of marriage, Mrs. Turner was the epitome of a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. A strong-willed woman, she was fiercely committed to raising a loving family by instilling in each of them the good values and morals that she and her husband embodied. Known as "Precious" to her family, she showed her support for her six children, 21 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and countless friends at hundreds of ball games, dance recitals and birthday parties.

One of the things I admired most about Mrs. Turner was her ability to make each person she met feel special because he or she was indeed special to her. No person was ever a stranger to her because she could make anyone feel like part of the family from the moment they met.

Mrs. Turner loved her community dearly and was constantly working to improve it. She was active in the Bradley-Turner Foundation, a charitable non-profit organization that has given millions of dollars to various projects in Columbus and the Chattahoochee Valley region. The Turner family also helped launch the Pastoral Institute forty years ago. The organization provides counseling and educational resources to assist people who are going through difficult and traumatic times in their lives. The Pastoral Institute established the Sue Marie and Bill Turner Servant Leadership Award to honor couples who have made significant contributions to the community. The Turners received the first award in 2012. In addition, the Turner family has long supported St. Francis Hospital. The new Women's Hospital was named in Mrs. Turner's honor last fall.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that Mrs. Sue Marie Turner passed this way and during her life's journey did so much for so many for so long. She leaves behind a great legacy in service to her beloved family and to all those whose lives she touched and brightened with her radiant smile and rich laughter. She will truly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me, my wife, Vivian, and the Columbus, Georgia community in paying tribute to Mrs. Sue Marie Turner for her outstanding contributions to her community. We extend our deepest sympathies to her family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time and we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL  
JOSEPH A. SIMONELLI, JR.

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2014*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the meritorious service of Colonel Joseph A. Simonelli, Jr., who will transfer in June from the Secretary of Defense's Office of Legislative Affairs.

Prior to his tenure in Legislative Affairs, Colonel Simonelli has already had a long and distinguished career in the United States Army. Upon graduation from the United States Military Academy, he received his commission in 1987 as an Air Defense Artillery officer. He served 27 years with great distinction in the field and in command. Prior to his work in the Secretary's office, he was the Garrison Commander at Fort Bliss, Texas. He also served as the Director of Operations for the Multi-National Security Transition Command (Iraq) and the Executive Assistant to the Vice Director of the Joint Staff's Director of Operations.

Colonel Simonelli is no stranger to the halls and offices of Capitol Hill, having spent the last two years in Legislative Affairs as the Director of House Affairs and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for House Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs (OASD-LA).

His character, capabilities, and good humor enabled him to interact effectively with Members of Congress and their staffs and other Executive agencies under the most strenuous circumstances. Colonel Simonelli's work ultimately led to successful legislative outcomes on a wide-range of issues critical to our national defense and to the enhancement of the lives of the country's military men and women.

Colonel Simonelli represents what our military seeks in a congressional liaison and officer in uniform. His dedication to service, commitment to excellence, and performance of duty have been extraordinary throughout his career and most recently in the Office of Legislative Affairs. I am proud to share in the celebration of Colonel Simonelli's tour on Capitol Hill, and I join his colleagues in honoring his distinguished service.

Colonel Simonelli was supported, encouraged, and nurtured by a strong and loving wife, I would like to recognize his wife, Bettye Marie. As he goes on to pursue new endeavors and challenges as the Chief of Staff of the Arlington National Military Cemeteries, I wish Colonel Simonelli and his family well.

HONORING SARAH KING

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2014*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, One hundred five years ago a virtuous woman of God was born in Moreland, Georgia on February 11, 1909; and

Whereas, Ms. Sarah King was born to Mr. John King and Mrs. Elizabeth King, she was educated in the local school system in Georgia; and

Whereas, this Phenomenal Proverbs 31 woman has shared her time and talents as a Community Advocate and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of others; and

Whereas, Ms. King has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Ms. King along with her family and friends are celebrating this day a remarkable milestone, her 105th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a woman who is a corner-

stone in our community in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. King on her birthday and to wish her well and recognize her for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim February 11, 2014 as Ms. Sarah King Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of February, 2014.

HONORING TOMMIE MABRY

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2014*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Tommie Mabry, a native of Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Mabry has four brothers and one sister, and he's the first person in his family to finish high school.

Mr. Mabry graduated from Bailey Magnet High School and went on to attend Missouri State University. While there he played on the school's basketball team as a small forward. He also attended Lawson State University, playing on that basketball team, as a small forward, as well. From there, he transferred to Tougaloo College, where he studies to obtain an Undergraduate Degree in Health and Recreation Education and also played for the nationally ranked basketball team.

Having quickly acclimated into the Tougaloo family, Mr. Mabry was elected Mr. Tougaloo by vote of his peers for the 2010-2011 school years. Mr. Mabry now speaks to kids all around the world hoping to provide inspiration with his story. Mr. Mabry graduated from Tougaloo College in May 2011 with a degree in education and is currently a teacher at Whitten Middle School.

Mr. Mabry published his first book titled "A Dark Journey to A Light Future", which made him one of the youngest authors in the state of Mississippi at the age of 24.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Tommie Mabry.

TRIBUTE TO ISRAEL'S  
INDEPENDENCE DAY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2014*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, since its establishment in 1948, Israel has been one of America's closest allies. Today, we celebrate Israeli Independence Day, or Yom Ha'atzmaut, to honor the proclamation of State of Israel. As a strong supporter of Israel, I join millions of my fellow Americans in wishing Israelis a Happy Independence Day.

Zionism, the movement to create a Jewish homeland, emerged in the 1800s as a response to centuries of anti-Semitism. Theodore Herzl, a Zionist pioneer, created the World Zionist Organization to initiate the preliminary steps to attaining a Jewish state free from persecution. Waves of immigrants flowed

towards the region over the next half century, culminating in European Jewry's attempts to flee Hitler in the 1930s.

After World War II, the desire for a Jewish state became even stronger and world wide support for Zionism grew as the truth of the Holocaust was revealed in all its horror. On May 14, 1948, the Jewish Agency declared the creation of the State of Israel.

Conflicts with the countries surrounding Israel meant that Israel was not the safe haven the Jewish people had envisioned. Nonetheless, and despite the dangers, Israel has thrived as an oasis of idealism, technological wonder, and democracy in the midst of the desert. Strong support for Israel is a core national security interest of the United States, as well as an expression of the decades-long alliance between our two nations.

I ask all Members to join me in commemorating the 66th anniversary of Israel's Independence.

#### HONORING THE GRADUATES OF THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH AD- VISORY COUNCIL

##### HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2014*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2013–2014 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 53 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their community, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation.

Each year, the students in CYAC exceed my expectations ten-fold. They share innovative, inspiring, and impacting ideas on how to build a better America now and in the future. Their impressive and diverse credentials speak for themselves. Participating in student government, community service, honor societies, athletics, fine arts, and language clubs exemplifies their educational excellence and steadfast commitment to our community.

Over the past year, we met twice to discuss the most current issues of the day, such as the national debt, balancing the budget, and tax reform. But let me tell you, these students have done much more than just attend meetings. They have filled out surveys, done homework on current events, and engaged in policy conversations impacting their future.

More specifically, they have interacted with community leaders, such as John Schomburger, First Assistant District Attorney for Collin County, who discussed his work at the Veterans court. They also toured the Collin County Threat Fusion Center with Kelly Stone, Director of Homeland Security for Collin County to learn how to respond to a terrorist attack and how the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice work together to prevent them in the first place.

Lastly, to ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting their experience for the "Preserving History

Project." As President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." I thank them for learning about the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans who sacrificed so much so we could live free. We are forever indebted to them.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. You are the voices of the future and know I am very proud of you. God bless you and God bless America. I salute you.

Amit Banerjee, Andre Bergstein, Connor Bresnahan, Julia Bristol, Richard Chen, Bridget Colliton, John Copley, Brock Crawford, Mark Douglass, Alicia D'Souza, William Elliott, Audrey Fisher, Rakshana Govindarajan, Aayush Goyal, Grace Han, Katheryn Hawley, Brent He, Lauren Hebig, Sarah Hossain, Sydney House, Spencer Humphrey.

MacKenzie Jenkins, Thomas Kim, Justin Kong, Candice Lee, Paul Lim, Connor Madden, Daniel Madden, Soumya Mandava, Hollis Meachum, Anthony Niedzielski, Jacob Przada, Regan Railey, Jason Randoing, Sam Schell, Ryan Snitzer, Connor Spencer, Anjali Sridharan, Brennan Stewart, Makenzie Stuard, William Su, Jessica Todd, Amelia Trotter, Simic Tuan, Victoria Van de Kop, Faith Wada, Andrew Wicker.

CONGRATULATING MEGAN  
MAUREEN KORCZYNSKI AND  
KEVIN P. GOW, JR. ON THEIR  
MARRIAGE

##### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2014*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, my esteemed colleagues, please join me in recognizing Megan Maureen Korczynski and Kevin P. Gow, Jr. as they celebrate their devotion to each other and to their future together.

They are to celebrate their commitment to each other on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at Saint Andrew's Catholic Church in Delavan, Wisconsin.

Megan Maureen has been living and working in Chicago receiving her Bachelor degree of Fine Arts in Interior Design from the Chicago International Academy of Design and Technology while her fiancé, Kevin P. Gow, Jr. has also been living and working in Chicago receiving his Master's Degree from DePaul University.

The union of these two individuals, Megan Maureen Korczynski, daughter of Edwin J., Major, United States Air Force/CAP, and Diane M., mother of 5 daughters and a teacher of special education for 25 years; and Kevin P. Gow, Jr. son of Kevin Gow, Sr. Captain USMC and the late Lynne Dwight Gow, mother of 3 and nursing advisor for Met Life Long Term Care.

As George Elliot once said, "What greater thing is there for two human souls that to feel that they are joined together to strengthen

each other in all labor, to minister to each other in all sorrow, to share with each other in all gladness, to be one with each other in the silent unspoken memories?"

It is with great excitement and anticipation that both families share in the happiness of this union. Their commitment to each other is one to be celebrated and commended and one in which I offer my congratulations and wish them well as they begin their new life together.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ASIAN BUSI- NESS DIVISION OF THE GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

##### HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2014*

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the newly formed Asian Business Division of the Grand Prairie, Texas Chamber of Commerce. I was honored to speak at this unique group's first meeting on May 13, 2014.

The Asian population is the fastest growing community in this already diverse city. The Chamber's new division will focus on reaching out to this demographic to make sure they have the tools and resources to build a strong business community in Grand Prairie.

It is based in a complex known as Asia Time Square. The shopping development is already home to dozens of Asian businesses—with plans to add dozens more.

The Asian Business Division plans to drive economic growth in the city by continuing to lure businesses and jobs to the area, taking a strategic approach to building the groups' brand, improving the overall value of the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce in the area, and creating a dynamic business development plan that assists a diverse employer base.

This unique partnership wouldn't be possible without the hard work of countless people, including leadership of the Chamber of Commerce and the Loh Family (which owns and operates Asia Times Square).

I am confident that this new relationship will benefit everyone in the area and ensure that it competes successfully for new businesses, new jobs and only makes Grand Prairie a more attractive place to live, work, play and raise a family.

#### CHARLENE FARRELL—HOSPICE OF HUNTINGTON RETIREMENT

##### HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 20, 2014*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, tonight, Hospice of Huntington will honor one of its long time stalwarts and earliest leaders. This great organization is distinguished by the respect and gratitude of the larger community it so ably, and with so much empathy, serves so faithfully. One daughter, whose father had been a hospice patient, wrote with her "sincere and heartfelt appreciation" about the "graceful care and gentle mercy shown to my father in his